



Council Report

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Natasha Colebrook-Williams, Chief of Staff

Date: September 21, 2015

**Re: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FLORIDA HIGHWAY
BEAUTIFICATION COUNCIL GRANT**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council adopt the attached resolution approving the submittal of a grant application and authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate and execute grant subsequent agreement between the City of North Miami and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Florida Highway Beautification Council grant.

BACKGROUND

The funds secured from the FDOT Florida Highway Beautification Council will be used to install approximately sixty (60) Pigeon Plum, native canopy trees along the right of way of NW 7th Avenue, and forty (40) Royal Palm along the medians of NW 7th Avenue. This corridor represents a major thoroughfare for the City and serves as an important eastern gateway. As such, the aesthetic improvement will enhance the visual appearance and boost the economic health and the identity of the City.

The total project cost is estimated at \$101,030 and the matching amount requested is \$18,000 from the Transportation and Surtax Funds. The selected trees, Pigeon Plums, are considered wonderful shade trees and creates a striking effect along streets and the Royal Palms, are considered highly resistant to disease and drought and will grow 50-100 feet and are iconic fronds to street sides and medians. They are considered a long term investment with low maintenance costs.

Trees are a valuable green infrastructure that adds premium to local businesses along the corridor, helps reduce the heat island effect and creates shade for pedestrians and bicyclists.

ATTACHEMENT(S)

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR A GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION COUNCIL GRANT PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of North Miami (“City”) are desirous of applying for a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) Florida Highway Beautification Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City is requesting a grant for a project at a total cost of One Hundred One Thousand Thirty Dollars and No Cents (\$101,030.00) in grant funds with a required local match in the amount of Eighteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$18,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to plant native canopy trees along the NW 7th Avenue right of way, as well as installing native royal palms at landscape medians in an effort to improve walkability for pedestrians and to improve the aesthetic appeal of the NW 7th Avenue corridor with the majestic appearance of the royal palms; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to authorize the submittal of a grant application as well as to fully authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement between the City and FDOT for the purpose of securing grant funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Authorization to Submit Grant Application. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the submittal of the City of North Miami’s application for a grant from the FDOT Florida Highway Beautification Grant Program.

Section 2. **Authority to City Manager and City Attorney.** The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of North Miami and the Florida Department of Transportation.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2015.

DR. SMITH JOSEPH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

ROLAND C. GALDOS, ESQ.
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.
Vice Mayor Carol Keys, Esq.
Councilman Scott Galvin
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime
Councilman Alix Desulme

_____	(Yes)	_____	(No)
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